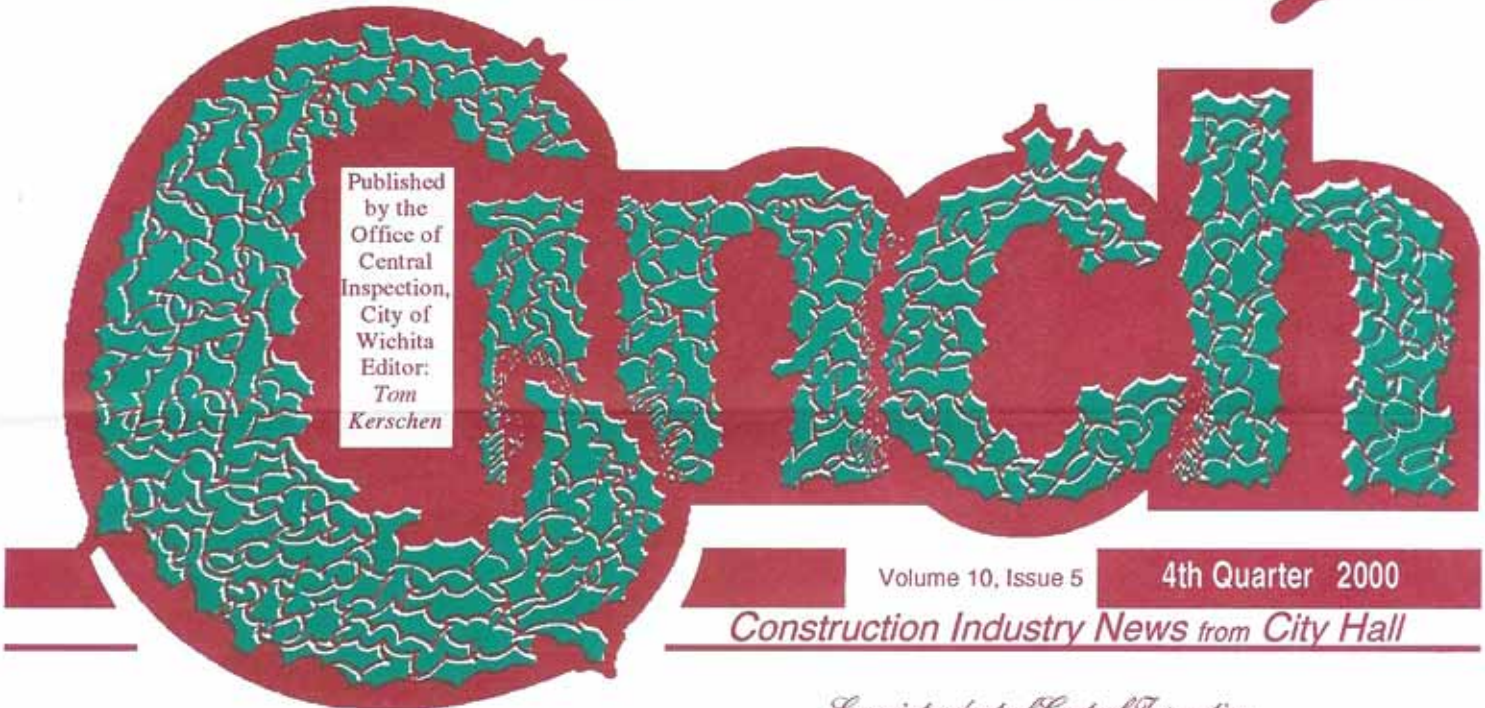


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PLAN REVIEW FEE PAYMENTS

The payment of plan review fees is required at time of project submittal. Projects submitted without payment will not be reviewed until payment is received. Projected review time will be adjusted accordingly. For information on the amount of plan review fee for a project, contact the Office of Central Inspection Permit Desk at 268-4461.

All civil, structural, architectural, and trade drawings (plumbing, mechanical, & electrical) **must** be submitted for review at the same time or a progress print fee will be charged to the applicant, in addition to the plan review fee.

Richard Chamberlin, Plans Examiner

ELEVATION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What are the rules concerning changes in corridor floor height for exiting purposes?

A: See Changes in elevation, Section 1003.2.6 of the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Building Code which states: All exterior elevation changes and interior elevation changes of 12 inches or more along the path of exit travel shall be made by steps, stairs or stairways conforming with the requirements of Section 1003.3.3.3 or ramps conforming with the requirements of Section 1003.3.4.

Interior elevation changes of less than 12 inches along the path of exit travel serving an occupant load of 10 or more shall be by ramps conforming with the requirements of Section 1003.3.4.

Exceptions:

1. *In Group R, Division 3 Occupancies and within individual dwelling units of Group R, Division 1 Occupancies.*
2. *Along aisles adjoining seating areas.*

Jim Cranford, CBO, Building Codes Administrator

CERTIFICATE RENEWALS

To all City of Wichita certified master electricians, journeyman electricians, residential journeyman electricians, mobile home serviceman electricians and alarm system technicians:

This notice is to remind you that your City of Wichita certificate will expire on December 31, 2000. The renewal fee for all certificates is five dollars. In order to renew your certificate for 2001, you have the option of either mailing in your renewal fee or renewing in person at:

Office of Central Inspection
City Hall - Seventh Floor
455 North Main Street
Wichita, Kansas 67202

If the certificate is not renewed by December 31, 2000, you may be required to be re-examined before your certificate can be issued. Therefore, it is imperative that you renew before the expiration date. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact our office at 268-4465.

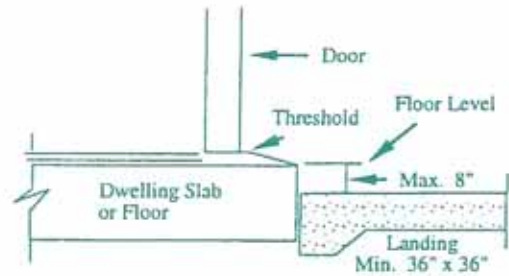
**Wayne L. Bolen, Construction Inspection Supervisor,
Electrical / Elevator**

RESIDENCIAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: In a residence, the code allows a difference in floor levels between the interior and exterior, what are the limitations?

A: Section 1003.3.1.6 of the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Building Code allows the following in residential construction:

1. A door may open at the top step of an interior flight of stairs, provided the door does not swing over the top step.
2. A door may open at a landing that is not more than 8 inches lower than the floor level, provided the door does not swing over the landing.
3. Screen doors and storm doors may swing over stairs, steps or landings.
4. A door may open at the top step of a flight of stairs from a garage, provided the door does not swing over the stairs.
5. A door may open at the top step of a flight of stairs from a patio/deck, provided there are no more than 4 risers.



Ray Sledge, Construction Inspection Supervisor, Building

MECHANICAL & PLUMBING

Most of you should have received a letter from this office informing you of the new permit fees. You also should have received a copy of the new permit application forms. If you did not get a copy, we suggest that you visit the Office of Central Inspection and pick up some of the new forms. That letter also explained about the Investigation Fees. This is a fee that will be required for anyone who starts a job that requires a permit and fails to have the permit before they begin work. The Investigation Fees will be required along with the permit fees.

If you have an emergency situation and cannot acquire a permit before hand, call OCI and let us know where you are working and when you will have the permit and we will work with you. If this happens on a holiday or over the weekend, call us first thing Monday morning or the first working day after the holidays or come up and get your required permit. If you fail to do this, you will be required to pay the investigation fee. The investigation fee is a flat fee of \$100.

Also in that letter it stated that we have discontinued Surety Bonds, so they are no longer required for Lawn Irrigation, Plumbing, Drain Layer or Mechanical Contractors.

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WATER HEATERS

If you install a safety pan under a water heater, it will be required to have a discharge to the outside of the building or an approved receptor. The T&P discharge off the water heater cannot be terminated in the safety pan. It must also terminate to the outside or an approved receptor.

Dan Leidy, Construction Inspection Supervisor, Plumbing / Mechanical



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